

Aylmer Express

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

A preacher once said: "Editors dare not tell the truth. If you did you could not live. Your newspaper would be a failure." The editor replied: "You are right, and the minister who will at all times tell the truth about the members, alive or dead, will not occupy the pulpit more than one Sunday, and he will find it necessary to leave town in a hurry. The press and pulpit go hand in hand with whitewash brush and kind words magnifying little virtues into big ones. The pulpit and the press are a saint-making partnership." And the minister went away looking very thoughtful, while the editor turned to his work, telling about the unsurmountable beauty of the bride, while as a matter of fact she was as ugly as a mud fence.

Another View.

Ray Clark, of Imlay City is in receipt of the following letter from Colbart Watson Co. H. 13th Infantry, Sand Hannel, P. L.

"Philippines are a bunch of trouble, gathered together on the Western horizon of civilization. They are bounded on the north by rocks and destruction; on the east by typhoons and monsoons; on the south by cannibals and earthquakes and on the west by hoodlums and smugglers. The climate is a combination of electric changes especially adapted to raising Cain. The soil is fertile and produces large crops of trickery and insurrection. Inhabitants are very busy—the chief occupations being trench building, making of bolos and knives and the reloading of Remington cartridges. Their amusements are cock-fighting, monte, theft and cheating. Their diet consists of boiled rice, stewed rice fried and rice. Here the marriage ceremony is very impressive—especially the clause wherein the wife is given the privilege of working as much as her husband desires. The animals of burden is the caribou. On a three-mile journey only ten days' ration need be carried, but if the journey be for one hundred miles, the driver usually dies of old age before reaching his destination. Rivers are serpentine in their courses, the waters running in a contrary manner to all known laws of nature. Manila is the capital and principal city, is situated on Manila bay—a large land-locked body of water full of filth, sharks and Spanish submarine boats. Cavite, the next in importance, is noted for its natural facilities as a naval station and its large number of saloons and houses of ill repute. The principal exports of the island are rice, hemp, silk soldiers and war bulletins. The principal imports are soldiers, arms, ammunition beer and tobacco. Malaria is so prevalent that on numerous occasions the islands have been taken with a chill. Luzon, the largest island of the group, resembles a cast-off boot. Communication has been established between the islands by substituting mosquitoes for carrier pigeons—the mosquitoes are larger and better able to stand the journey. Native costume consists of a flour-sacked tunic under the waists and anything under twelve years of age waits until the next year for its clothes. The towns are an aggregation of shacks, full of filth, fleas, cur dogs and disorder. The dogs, cats, chickens, pigs, horses, fleas, bedbugs lice and family all sleep together on terms of equality. The Philippines—an appropriate present for a deadly enemy. The climate—pleasant and healthy for roaches, tarantulas, scorpions, centipedes, snakes and alligators. The soil—adapted to the raising of foul odors and the breeding of disease. The islands—a Godforsaken, cannibalized, Aguinado infested blot on the face of the earth. I think the United States has been "gold-bricked" and if Uncle Sam will pay some country \$20,000,000 to take the islands off our hands it would be a good trade for the United States."

She Didn't Wear a Mask.

But her beauty was completely hidden by sores, blotches and pimples till she used Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Then they vanished as will all eruptions, fever sores, boils, ulcers, carbuncles and felons from its use. Infalible for cuts, corns, burns, scalds, and piles. Care guaranteed. 25c at J. E. Richards.

Saint Peter—And what was your occupation on earth, my good man! Latest arrival (bravely)—I was the chief of a band of robbers. Saint Peter—Ah, gas, coal or ice!

SPRINGFIELD.

Mrs. D. McGill and her sister Miss Ama Nigl, of Owen Sound, are visiting under the parental roof.

Mr. and Mrs. Eber Tedford, of Dundas, have been spending a few days amongst friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Misner spent Dominion day in Woodstock.

Dr. Baker and wife are spending a few days at Penetanguishene.

Miss Bertie Donaldson, of Detroit, is renewing old acquaintances for a short time.

The Foresters annual church parade took place on Sunday evening. There was a large turnout, and Mr. Veale gave a fine discourse.

On Monday evening a farewell was tendered Mr. Veale and family and the church was packed to the doors. A fine programme was given after which Mr. Veale was presented with a handsome clock and Mrs. Veale with some choice silverware, the Ladies Aid also presented Mrs. Veale with a purse. The meeting broke up at a late hour with the best wishes for pastor and his family in their new field at Dorchester station.

A E. Wilson's livery barns had a narrow escape from being destroyed by fire on Saturday evening. It originated in the wood box which was filled with waste paper and wood in the office and but for the timely notice of some there might of been a serious conflagration how it originated is a mystery.

Mr. F. C. Muller has returned from the west, he was accompanied by his sister and child, Mrs. Templeman, of St. Paul.

Messrs. Smith & Silcox, of St. Thomas have purchased Ansley's & Co's. stock of dry goods etc. and are now busy stock taking.

There is some talk of our roller mill changing hands.

Mr. Burnse McKenny, of London, spent a few days at home this week.

W. Kilpatrick and children spent a few days at the Pan-American this week.

W. J. Lindsay left on Saturday for the Pan-American.

Rev. Mr. Morrison will occupy his pulpit here next Sunday morning and evening. We welcome him in our midst.

LITON.

Mr. John Dunn, of Weberville, Mich., spent a few days last week with his uncle, Mr. F. Dunn.

Miss A. Prichard who has been spending the past year with friends in Toledo and Munroe, returned home on Thursday, accompanied by her friend Mrs. C. Hoskins of Detroit.

Mr. J. Saunders, of Detroit, visited friends here last week.

Mr. F. E. Dunn is spending a few days with friends in Richmond.

Messrs. A. E. and A. Carpenter were in London for a day or so last week.

Mrs. Staples and family left last week for their new home in Strathroy.

Misses Pearl and Vera VanVelzer of Grovesend, are spending a week with their grandmother Mrs. F. Dunn.

GLENCOLIN.

Mr. and Mrs. Tedford, of Dundas, are visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bearss.

Mrs. Tedford will have charge of the topic next Thursday evening. There will be special music.

Mr. James Bryce took to himself a wife in the person of Miss Nada Brown, of Corinth on Wednesday. We join in wishing them a happy and prosperous life.

Mr. and Mrs. Branion, of Aylmer, Sundayed with Mrs. B. McKenney. Mr. and Miss Loop of Aylmer, visited relatives here on Sunday last.

Mr. Deeraft is visiting friends at Nixon.

Miss Annie Pound is visiting her parents here.

LAKEVIEW.

Mrs. Thomas McNight, of St. Thomas, is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Arthur McConnell.

Mr. J. Sharp, our village blacksmith is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton McConnell spent part of last week in visiting friends in Union and St. Thomas.

Mrs. Dangerfield and daughter, of Dunbohye, spent a day last week, the guest of Mrs. Arthur McConnell.

Quite a number from this section took in the show in St. Thomas last week.

Letter From South Africa.

Bloomfontein, May 2nd, 1901.

To the Dear Ones at Home,—No doubt you have been looking for a letter from me for some time, but this is the first time I have been able to write. Well, after a very tedious voyage of 28 days we landed in Capetown, then after being inspected by the doctor, we were marched to the military rooms, where we were given our arms, canteens, water bottles, haversacks, &c. After cleaning them thoroughly they took us on the train and moved out from the bay. To go back to our voyage. After we left Cape Verds Islands nearly half of the boys on the Montford were taken sick with measles and mumps. I had the mumps and also broke out with a rash, had such a fever when I got better I peeled off so completely it seemed like shedding my hide. I am in the hospital with a relapse of the mumps, but getting along better. We left Capetown about five in the afternoon. Our first stop was just in front of the plague grounds. I saw the house where they were kept in and fires, where they were burning plague infected buildings. We travelled all that night and all the next day over a wild rocky country. The soil is red sand. Not much grows on it except scrub and brush, with every little way a mud house with a lot of natives. The second day the country looked better, only there were too many mountains to suit me. Somehow I don't like the looks of them. On Saturday night we did not run, for there had been a train wrecked by the Boers ahead of us. The fellows were caught. I saw four of them, the rest were shot. We did not leave Marvelspont until noon. In the morning we were allowed to go off the train and see the other soldiers, also the tame ostriches. About noon we were ordered out and prepared for a ten mile march. We started with our big overcoats, all our implements of war and one hundred and fifty rounds of ammunition, so our load was very heavy. We marched very steadily until we got almost here, then the men commenced to lag and some were forced to lie down. I thought I would never see the end, but it came at last. After a short rest the tents were pitched on the same ground Lord Roberts camped before taking Bloomfontein. We are out here for a little while but will be near here for some time likely. We have to go to the front and fight, then be put on our mounted duty, but for the present we will have to fight. Some shots were fired at the enemy last night. There are a great many Boers in the neighborhood. There is a comet visible here. It sets now about an hour after dark. While looking at the tame ostriches one of our smart boys thought he would like one of those beautiful feathers, so he pulled one out. Mr. Ostrich promptly gave him a good smart kick. It isn't fun to be kicked by an ostrich, you can believe. Afterward we saw a great many ostriches on farms where they were raised. All along the way we saw where Boer houses had been burned and farms made desolate by this terrible war. It is sad indeed to see. We passed across battlefields where trenches were filled and once and a while two or three graves with a pile of stones at the head of each grave. All along the way were piles of dead horses. I counted twenty in half a mile and once I saw a heap of them that had been shot in battle. One thing I admire in this country is the cleanliness of the towns. I think I have never seen such pretty places. The streets are as clean as a floor. Everybody has their flower gardens and such lovely cactus hedges and lovely palms. I have seen cactus hedges five or six feet tall, with leaves two feet wide. The towns are kept clean by natives who work for a very small sum. There are plenty of melons growing wild out here. I saw them all along the track, and when the train stopped we got off and gathered some. The corn is quite green, yet we found some fit to roast. There is a great deal of corn grown here and it stays out all winter. The weather is quite hot during the day and very cold during the night. The last of June and all of July is the coldest of the winter, then it gets warmer again, and we will be very glad, for we can stand the heat better than the cold any time. Love to all. Please write to your soldier boy every week.

WALTER WILLIAMS.

Children Cry for CASTORIA.

GROVESEND.

Mr. Erwin Tedford spent a couple of days at his home here last week.

Mr. John Bingham, of Thamesford spent Sunday at his father's in Sparta last week.

Miss Edith Cole is spending this week at her fathers in Sparta.

Miss Francis Hale, of Linton is the guest of Mrs. E. F. Doolittle for a weeks outing.

The Rev. Mr. Fansher, of Aylmer, has very faithfully and acceptably filled the place of our late pastor Mr. Staples for the past six months, although so near the allotted age of man he has not forgot how to get up a good sermon. He has made many warm friends here. God bless the old gentleman.

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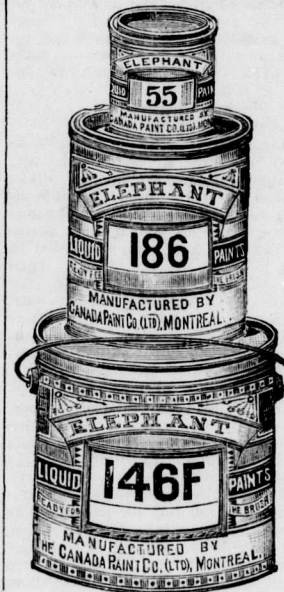
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